

ISAC Meeting – May, 2014

ACTION OR INFORMATION ITEM

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TOPIC: Example of Regional Coordination – Model State Law for Recreational Watercraft Pathway

SPEAKER (Name/Email): Priya Nanjappa, Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies

1. DESCRIPTION OF AGENDA ITEM (include length of time needed):

Western states have been meeting over the past several years to develop a consensus on how to stop the movement of aquatic invasive species via the movement of recreational boats. As a result of these efforts, these states drafted a model law as guidance on how to best address the recreational boating pathway. The Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies adopted this model law at their meeting last month in Denver. Priya Nanjappa coordinates AFWA's Invasive Species Committee and was instrumental in the development of this model law -- working with state agency staff from across the west. She will talk about this common approach and the process and importance of reaching consensus on this guidance designed to stop the spread of extremely harmful invasive species-- including quagga and zebra mussels. (20 minute presentation with 10 minutes for questions and quick summary of federal parallel effort)

2. WHY IS THIS ITEM IMPORTANT TO NISC / ISAC? HOW IS IT RELATED TO THE NATIONAL INVASIVE SPECIES MANAGEMENT PLAN?

This presentation will provide a successful example of regional coordination, pathway management and working across jurisdictional lines. This also relates to a current parallel federal effort by NISC and ANSTF to harmonize federal efforts to deal with this and other AIS pathways.

3. PREVIOUS ACTIONS TAKEN BY NISC / ISAC ON THIS ITEM: None

4. ACTION REQUESTED OF NISC / ISAC: None; however ISAC may want to discuss the importance of and identify additional examples of regional coordination to address invasive species issues and pathways. Regional coordination initiatives are being considered for inclusion in the Invasive Species Management Plan Revision.

5. ALTERNATIVES: none

6. ATTACHMENTS: Model State Law for Recreational Watercraft Pathway